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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hiroshi NISHIHARA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/514,945  
Filed: February 28, 2000  
For: WORKFLOW SERVER AND WORKFLOW SYSTEM  
CONTROL METHOD  
Group: 2153  
Examiner: K. Parton

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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January 22, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, the period for reply thereto being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire on January 25, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification and Abstract** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.